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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DUBS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMGT, AF

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FOR HOME LEAVE ON AUGUST 19, I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT BOTH MIKE HORNBLow AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE PROBLEM OF A COUNSELOR TITLE FOR CHUCK GRADER WHICH YOU RAISED IN YOUR LETTER OF JULY 12. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT IN ASSIGNING GRADER AN ATTACHE TITLE, THE DEPARTMENT WAS BOUND BY A STATE-AFSA AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN 1974. THIS AGREEMENT, I UNDERSTAND, WAS REFLECTED IN REVISIONS TO 3FAM610. AS YOU RIGHTLY POINT OUT, THIS IS ONE OF THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH FLOWED FROM THE DECISION TO DOWNGRADE KABUL TO A CLASS IV MISSION. IN ANY CASE, WE ARE INFORMED THAT M/MO IS TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT THE QUESTION OF TITLES AT CLASS IV MISSIONS AND MAY SEEK TO RENEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME.

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I HAVE SPOKEN TO JOAN CLARK ABOUT THIS MATTER AND SHE HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE GENERAL PROBLEM THAT THE DOWNGRADING OF POSTS RAISES WITH RESPECT TO DIPLOMATIC TITLES. UNDER THE STATE-AFSA AGREEMENT, HEADS OF SECTION DO NOT RATE COUNSELOR TITLES. UNLESS KABUL IS UPGRADED OR THE AGREEMENT CHANGED, KABUL'S CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COUNSELORS WILL BE REPLACED BY FIRST

SECRETARIES. DEPRESSING, TO SAY THE LEAST.

2. ON THE MORE BASIC PROBLEM, WE ARE MAKING ANOTHER APPEAL TO M ASKING IT TO REVIEW THE RECLASSIFICATION OF BOTH KABUL AND DACCA. IN PRESENTING OUR CASE, WE HAVE USED MATERIAL PROVIDED BY YOU AND ED MASTERS. I TRUST THAT THIS AMMUNITION WILL BE ADDED TO THAT WHICH HAS COME FROM OTHER MISSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY AFFECTED AND HAVE SOME IMPACT.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR LETTER OF JULY 26, WE AGREE THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO COME TO WASHINGTON BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR WORK ON THE USIA CLASS I SELECTION BOARD WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON OCTOBER 11. MIKE HORNBLOW HAS PROVIDED ME WITH A COPY OF YOUR LETTER INDICATING YOUR WHEREABOUTS IN THE U.S. WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU SHOULD YOUR VIEWS BE DESIRED ON ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ALSO FEEL THAT YOU ARE LEAVING A STRONG TEAM IN CHARGE IN KABUL AND, AT THE MOMENT, SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT WE WILL NEED TO DISTURB YOU.

4. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU OR PAT PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL BACK IN THE STATES. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU STAY WITH US DURING YOUR VISIT BACK HERE. HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY HOME. REGARDS. CHRISTOPHER  
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